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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT

DIVISION ONE

In re M.R., a Person Coming Under the Juvenile Court Law.
THE PEOPLE, Plaintiff and Respondent, v. M.R., Defendant and Appellant.

A157414, A158208

(Contra Costa County
Super. Ct. No. J19-00365)

In this consolidated appeal, M.R. appeals from dispositional orders adjudging him a ward of the juvenile court and placing him in an approved home or institution. His counsel asked this court for an independent review of the record to determine whether there are any arguable issues. (*People v. Wende* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 436.) M.R. was informed of his right to file a supplemental brief and did not do so. While these appeals were pending, the juvenile court ordered M.R.'s probation and wardship successfully terminated and dismissed the case. Accordingly, we dismiss the consolidated appeal as moot.

M.R. was adjudged a ward of the juvenile court after he entered a no contest plea to an amended petition alleging he had committed a

misdemeanor assault against his mother and felony vandalism, in violation of Penal Code sections 245, subdivision (a)(4) and 594, subdivision (b)(1). On May 17, 2019, the juvenile court ordered the wardship, placed M.R. on home supervision, and imposed several probation conditions. On May 23, 2019, M.R. filed a notice of appeal.

A notice of probation violation was subsequently filed, alleging M.R. had failed to maintain peaceful contact with his mother. M.R. admitted the violation. On July 19, 2019, the juvenile court ordered that M.R. be removed from his mother's custody and placed in an approved home or institution. On August 16, 2019, M.R. filed a notice of appeal.

On June 15, 2020, the juvenile court ordered M.R.'s wardship and probation successfully terminated, and dismissed the case at the request of the probation department.¹

This appeal has been rendered moot by the June 15, 2020 order dismissing the wardship case because our decision "can have no practical effect" or provide M.R. with "effective relief." (*People v. Alsafar* (2017) 8 Cal.App.5th 880, 883; see *In re Katherine R.* (1970) 6 Cal.App.3d 354, 357 [dismissing appeal as moot where minor challenged restraint of liberty because restraint was lifted when the wardship was terminated]; *In re Charles G.* (2004) 115 Cal.App.4th 608, 611 [dismissing appeal as moot where ward challenged probation conditions because probation had been terminated].) Nor does this matter raise any important issues that are "capable of repetition, yet evading review" and we do not exercise our discretion to retain it. (*Alsafar, supra*, 8 Cal.App.5th at p. 883.)

The consolidated appeal is dismissed as moot.

¹ We grant M.R.'s request for judicial notice of the June 15, 2020 minute order.

Humes, P.J.

We concur:

Banke, J.

Sanchez, J.

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